

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME				
COMMON: Oswald House				
AND/OR HISTORIC: Philip Beard House, Part of "Scared From Home"				
2. LOCATION				
STREET AND NUMBER: north of Chewsville Road (now on White Hall Road)				
CITY OR TOWN: Chewsville vicinity				
STATE Maryland		COUNTY: Washington		
3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Pork <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY				
OWNER'S NAME: Huyette B. Oswald				
STREET AND NUMBER: 54 Martinique Avenue				
CITY OR TOWN: Tampa		STATE: Florida		
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Washington County Court House				
STREET AND NUMBER: West Washington Street				
CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown		STATE: Maryland		
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): 424/500				
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS				
TITLE OF SURVEY:				
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE:		

7. DESCRIPTION			
CONDITION	(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair
	(Check One)		(Check One)
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered > 50%	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE			
<p>This house is located about 1/2 mile east of Chewsville Road just south of Chewsville in Washington County, Md. It is reached by a long private lane and is situated on an area of level ground, facing southeast.</p> <p>The structure is a two-story, five-bay stone dwelling with black and white trim. A shed roof of stone extends to the rear and a modern one-story, one-bay "sun room" has been added to the southwest gable end. A date plaque is located in the southwest gable and is said to be inscribed with the year 1791. A three-bay, two-story pedimented portico dating from about 1910 projects from the front elevation.</p> <p>Walls at the front elevation are constructed of coursed local fieldstone. Other elevations display roughly coursed or rubble stonework. There are no decorative embellishments associated with the masonry.</p> <p>Windows appear to have been spaced evenly in the front and side elevations. They have wide frames which hold six-over-six light modern double-hung sashes. Windows of the front elevation are flanked by paneled shutters at the first story and louvered shutters at the second floor level.</p> <p>The main entrance is located in the center bay of the front elevation. Its framing is wide and similar to that of the windows. A narrow four-light transom is present over the door. Another door is located directly above the main entrance. It opens on to a small, modern balcony.</p> <p>The roof is of slate with framing from inside each gable end. The interior of the house is bisected by a wide central stair hall. The interior of the front door is flanked by oval, fluted attached columns. Most other woodwork of the first floor appears to date from the late 19th or early 20th century.</p> <p>The house is in excellent condition and stands on a tract containing 174 acres.</p>			

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- ☐ Pre-Columbian ☐ 16th Century ☒ 18th Century ☐ 20th Century
☐ 15th Century ☐ 17th Century ☐ 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1791

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The area of significance of this house is its architecture. Although greatly altered, the structure does represent a major architectural group in Washington County and the Cumberland Valley. The five-bay center hall plan dwelling, based remotely on the Georgian form, was prominent in rural Pennsylvania and Maryland from the late 18th through the mid-19th centuries.

This house is said to have been built in 1791 by Philip Beard. Major renovations to the house are said to have occurred in 1884 and in 1910. "Scared from Home," a tract containing 1373 acres was granted to Nicholas Beard on February 7, 1760. According to local historians, this house was the first in the Chewsville area to have electricity.

For further information on this and other properties in the Chewsville election district contact Howard L. Spessard, 911 View Street, Hagerstown, Md.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Scharf, Thomas J., History of Western Maryland, Vol. 2, Philadelphia:
 Louis H. Everts, 1882.
 (Information on Nicholas Beard.)

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 174 acres

Acreage Justification:

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

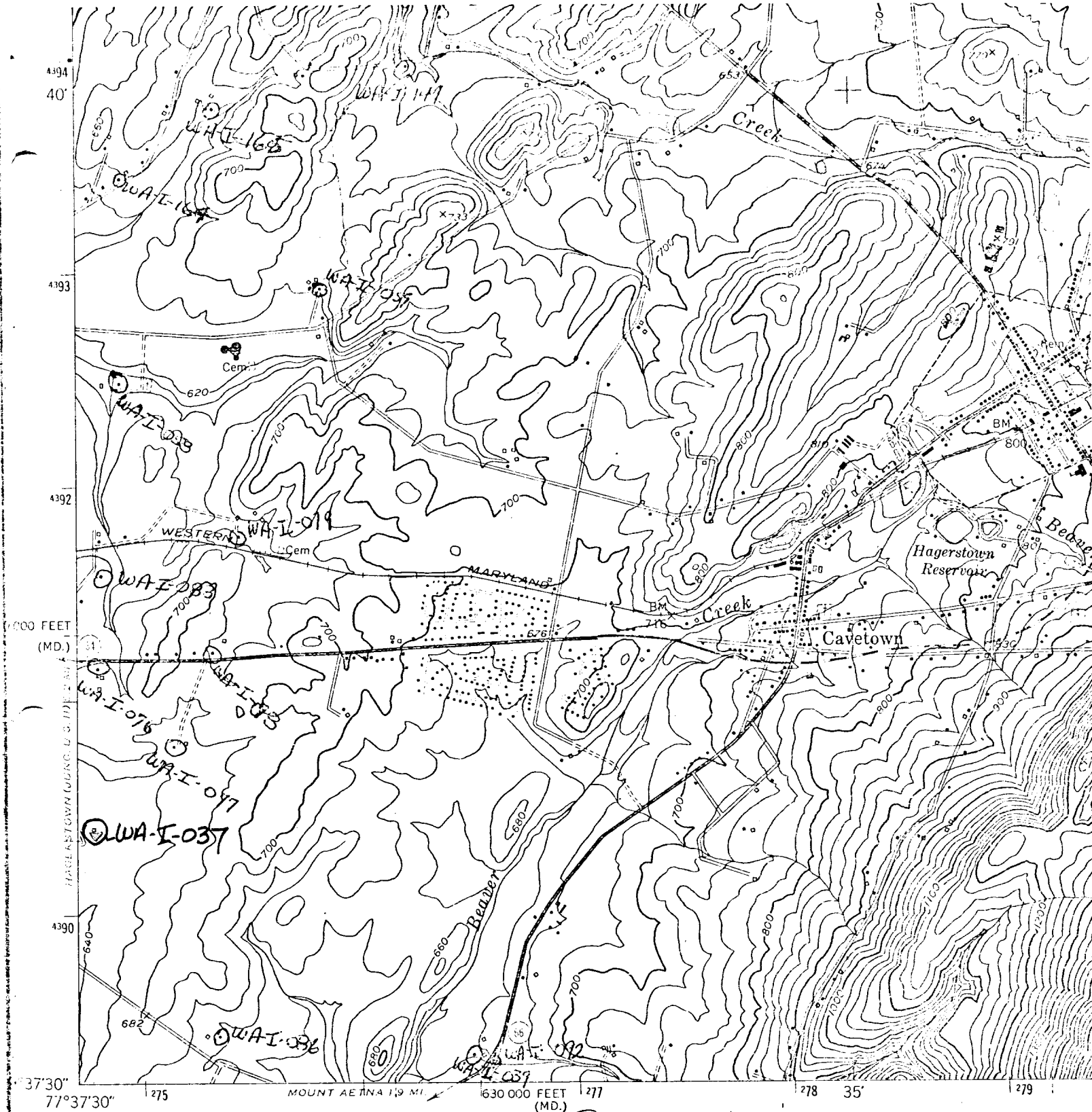
NAME AND TITLE: Paula Stoner Dickey, Consultant	
ORGANIZATION Washington County Historical Sites Survey	DATE November, 1974
STREET AND NUMBER: Court House Annex	
CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown	STATE Maryland

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature _____



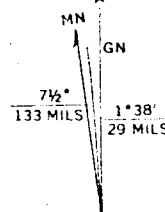
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 10,000-foot grids based on Maryland coordinate system,
 and Pennsylvania coordinate system, south zone
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 zone 18, shown in blue

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Smithsburg Quadrangle



UTM GRID AND 1971 MAGNETIC NORTH
 DECLINATION AT CENTER OF SHEET

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